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Accessibility for New Zealanders Bill: Approval for Introduction

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30 June 2022, Cabinet paper - Accessibility for New Zealanders Bill: Approval for Introduction

04 July 2022, Cabinet Business Committee Minute CBC-22-MIN-0040, Cabinet Office.

25 July 2022, Cabinet Minute CAB-22-MIN-0266, Cabinet Office.

This paper seeks Cabinet agreement to introduce the Accessibility for New Zealanders Bill. The Bill will create an accessibility framework that takes a progressive approach to identifying, preventing, and removing barriers to participation for disabled people, tāngata whaikaha and whānau whaikaha Māori and others with accessibility needs in New Zealand.

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